

Atty Dkt. No. 3075.004U.S. App. No: 10/042,332**REMARKS**

In response to the October 29, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects to pursue Group II (Claims 13 and 21) in this application. In connection with this election, Applicant has cancelled non-elected claims 1-12, 14-16, 19-20 and 26 and has amended claims 17 and 21-25 to depend from claim 13. Claim 18 depends from claim 17 and thus ultimately depends on claim 13. Applicant submits that the amended claims now fall within the elected Group II.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

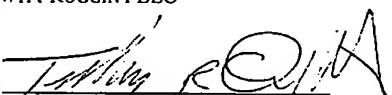
If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

If any fees are due in connection with this response that are not covered by the attached transmittal sheet, including fees for any necessary extensions of time, such additional fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2837,

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